

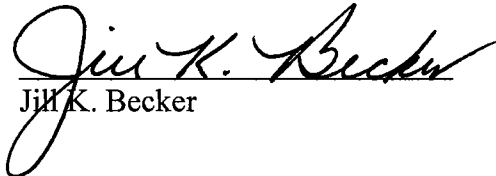
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**Notice of Appeal From the Primary Examiner to the
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated April 6, 2006 rejecting claims 1-33, 36-47 and 49-51. These claims have been more than twice rejected (37 C.F.R. 41.31).

Since applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 26, 2005 (along with the requisite fee), which was received on May 31, 2005, and have not received a decision from the Board,

no fee is required for this Notice of Appeal (see, e.g., 69 Fed. Reg. 49959, 49975, Comment 44).

Notwithstanding the above, if it is deemed that fees are required for this Notice of Appeal, applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge any such fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 09-0463 (IBM).

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